

### **New Medications for BV, Trich, Candida/Yeast, and Herpes**

New Medications are now available from ITEAMS to treat Bacterial Vaginosis (BV), Trichomoniasis (Trich), Candida/Yeast, Scabies, and Herpes. You can order these medications if you have the ability to test for these infections.

Locations who offer only “express visits” (i.e., a blood specimen is collected for HIV and Syphilis and a urine specimen is collected for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia) will not be able to order the new medications. 340B requires providers to have an established relationship with the patient in order to provide medications purchased with 318 funds.

***A new form must be completed to have these medications added to the list of STD medications you can order through ITEAMS. These medications will be ordered through a new “program” under STD in ITEAMS called “STDT2”.***

***Valacyclovir will be available as:***

- #20 (for Initial HSV Outbreak): 1g po BID x 10 days
- #5 (for Recurrent HSV Outbreaks: 1g po qd x 5 days

***Metronidazole will be available as:***

- #4 (for Trichomoniasis): 2 g orally in a single dose
- #14 (for Bacterial Vaginosis): 500mg BID x 7 days

***Fluconazole (Brand name Diflucan)***

- #1 (for vulvovaginal yeast infection): 150 mg orally in a single dose

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If you have patients who cannot afford their prescription for the above medications and you are an “express only” clinic, there is an option that is available but it requires some additional steps:

- 1-Obtain the patient’s consent on agency *Release of Information*,
- 2-Request the medical record of the patient as it relates to his/her diagnosis of Herpes, Bacterial Vaginosis, Trichomoniasis, or Candida/Yeast and the medication prescribed.
- 3-Open a chart on the patient with the above information.
- 4-Note the date, time, medication provided, counseling notes, etc. in the patient’s chart.

Alternatively, providers who may serve a population who may be unable to afford the medication could make a copy of the patient’s chart to send with him/her to obtain the medication. This would eliminate the need to request the patient’s chart from the diagnosing provider.

If you have questions, please contact the DSHS Pharmacy Branch at 512-776-7500 or

Tammy Foskey, Manager, DSHS HIV/STD Public Health Follow Up at 512-533-3020.

### **New Medications for Yeast and Scabies**

DSHS has added some additional STD medications. These have been added to ITEAMS STD medication list.

The yeast medication is an OTC regimen. If you prescribe the medication because the patient is describing symptoms of a yeast infection, but you're unable to confirm the diagnosis, you can provide one of the below regimens. If symptoms continue to persist after completion of the OTC regimen, please refer the patient to a provider who can appropriately test for yeast and other vaginitis related conditions.

#### ***Miconazole will be available as:***

- #3 (for vulvovaginal yeast infection): 200 mg vaginal suppository, one suppository for 3 days plus 2% vaginal cream for external symptoms
- #1 (for vulvovaginal yeast infection): 1,200 mg vaginal suppository, one suppository for 1 day plus 2% vaginal cream for external symptoms

#### ***Permethrin (Brand name Elimite)***

- 5% cream (for Scabies): Apply to all areas of body from neck down, wash off after 8-14 hours

Infants and young children can be treated with permethrin.

<https://www.cdc.gov/std/tg2015/ectoparasitic.htm#scabies>

Bedding and clothing should be decontaminated (i.e., either machine-washed, machine-dried using the hot cycle, or dry cleaned) or removed from body contact for at least 72 hours. Fumigation of living areas is unnecessary. Persons with scabies should be advised to keep fingernails closely trimmed to reduce injury from excessive scratching.

Persons who have had sexual, close personal, or household contact with the patient within the month preceding scabies infestation should be examined. Those found to be infested should be provided treatment.

Permethrin is the preferred treatment in pregnant and lactating women.

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### **Pregnancy Tests**

DSHS has purchased pregnancy tests for STD Clinics and Family Planning programs who diagnose and treat women for syphilis.

***These tests are to be used only for women of child bearing age who have been diagnosed with syphilis or who have been named as a sexual partner to someone with a syphilis diagnosis.***

DSHS recently applied for additional funding from CDC to support congenital syphilis prevention activities. One of the required activities for this funding is to “actively ascertain pregnancy status among cases of female syphilis, including strategies to link women to family planning services, high risk pregnancy case management programs”.

As stated in the Request for Applications (RFA): “pregnant women with syphilis will be identified earlier and may benefit from intervention opportunities otherwise not available if pregnancy status is unknown.”

Note: Other community resources and referrals to determine pregnancy status should be used for women who do not meet the above criteria.

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